

# DEMOCRATIC WOMEN DISCUSS LEGISLATION MRS. C. M. PARSONS LIES IN SALT LAKE

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## BILLS ARE CONSIDERED Members of Women's Clubs Are Expected to Aid in the Efforts.

The Democratic women of Salt Lake, at a meeting of the Woman's Democratic club in the Hooper block yesterday, pledged their support to the legislation to be asked by the club women of Utah from the next state legislature. Some of the legislation which will be asked for was discussed in a general way by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Cohen of the Utah Federation of Women's Clubs, who outlined some of the legislation now being discussed by the legislative committees of the clubs.

Among the laws which the women are likely to ask from the next legislature are a woman inspection law for the purpose of enforcing the child labor law and the woman's nine-hour law, a law providing for the medical examination of applicants for marriage licenses, a law providing a minimum wage for women, and a mother's pension law.

The women have discussed the advisability of asking for an amendment to the law passed by the present session of the state legislature limiting the working day for women to nine hours that would reduce the working day to eight hours. In every other state where women's suffrage has been operative for several years an eight-hour law for women has been enacted. It is not likely that the women will ask from this legislature any reduction in the time.

A law providing for the appointment of women inspectors to visit places where women or children are employed, whose inspection it will be the duty of the state enforcement of both the nine-hour law and the child labor law, will be urged.

### To Be Reintroduced.

With a few changes, the law introduced in the legislature two years ago providing that all applicants for marriage licenses shall file medical certificates showing them to be sound of mind and body will be reintroduced at the request of the women. This bill passed the senate two years ago, but it was defeated in the house by a narrow margin. This year the women hope to be successful in securing its passage.

Efforts will be made to secure the passage of a law which will require that girls and women living alone, this bill will be along the line of a general inspection law now being urged by the women of many states in the union. It would fix a minimum wage for all girls and women, who are employed, and would compel all employers to pay at least that amount. The amount has not yet been decided upon, but will probably be dependent on the result of an investigation showing the cost of board, lodging and comfortable clothing. It is not unlikely that a different standard will be fixed for different occupations and for the village, depending on the variation of the cost of living.

### Mothers' Pension Law.

Father an innovation in American legislation is the mother's pension law, which the women of the state will probably ask for. This will provide a pension for women during the period of maternity in caring for their health and that of the children will not have to suffer because of their poverty. At present no state in the union has at present such a law. In Australia, there is what is known as a "maternal bonus" which grants \$25 to mothers at the birth of a child.

The club women of the state are believed to be a unit in the support of these proposed measures and are endeavoring to enlist all other women of the state in the movement. Two years ago, the women secured the passage of legislation favorable to women, and to represent 30,000 voters in the state. Four women are members of the lower house of the state legislature, and all four are said to favor the legislation which will be recommended by the club women.

## HUMANE SOCIETY CALLS VOLUNTEERS

The call for volunteer officers to assist the Utah Humane society in preventing cruelty to animals has resulted in the appointment of four young men who will serve as volunteer officers of the society. Three of these young men are in Salt Lake and the fourth in Elgin, Utah. The society is a volunteer organization in much good. Only in the most aggravated cases are there prosecutions for cruelty to animals, the object of the society being rather to prevent the cruelty than to punish those responsible for it.

The humane society will ask an appropriation from the next legislature to assist the members in carrying on the work that is now being done with the assistance of private contributions and volunteer workers.

## FAIR IN TWENTIETH WARD IS SUCCESS

The Twentieth ward fair opened successfully last evening with a large attendance both of the ward people and from other parts of the city. All enjoyed the entertainment and the fair was a success.

This evening's program will be given by the Utah Conservatory of Music, and will include a Japanese comedy, entitled "A Flower of Japan," directed by Mrs. Lila Mae Eaton, ending with an Oriental ballet dance and a male quartet.

## SALT LAKE AD CLUB WILL MEET TODAY

The Salt Lake Ad club will give its regular monthly luncheon at the Commercial club at noon today. This will be the first meeting of the club since the election of new officers. A large attendance is expected. Reports on the club's plans for the coming year will be submitted by the newly-appointed sub-committees.

### Prosecution Closes.

Disbarment proceedings against Attorney Arthur A. Platt of Salt Lake, charged with unprofessional conduct, were closed yesterday morning before Charles Davidson, referee for the Utah supreme court. The hearing will be resumed next Tuesday. P. O. Keiser and Dean F. Brayton testified yesterday.

### Convicts Sent South.

Sixteen convicts from the state prison left Salt Lake last night for the Federal Reformatory for the men at Andersonville, Ga. They will be in charge of the warden, who is in charge of the institution. The convicts will be sent to the reformatory for a period of six months.

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